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In the Application of Rudolf Supe-Dienes

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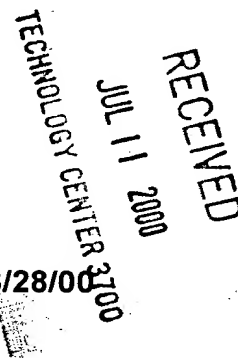
For: BLADE HOLDER WITH CUTTING FORCE ADJUSTMENT
INDEPENDENT OF STROKE

Examiner: Clark Dexter

Art Unit: 3724

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231



AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/28/00

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, line 14: After "damping element", please insert -- of the embodiment shown in Figure 1 -- .

On page 9, line 6: After "drive 27", please insert --, configured as a piston drive
BI with a piston 27a, -- .

On page 9, line 9: Between "the" and "slide 24", please insert -- piston 27a of